

**NEW DIRECTIONS TASK FORCE (NDTF)
SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING ALLIANCE WORK PLAN**

Revised: September 25, 2002

I. IDENTIFYING POPULATIONS, SERVICE NEEDS AND HOUSING RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

By November 30, 2002, determine integrated shelter needs among designated special needs populations as identified by affected Departments/Agencies (i.e., Children and Family Services, Community and Senior Services, Health Services (Office of AIDS Programs and Policy), Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, Mental Health, Probation, Public Social Services and the Community Development Commission).

- A. **Define populations served by category:** Quantify shared populations served by Alliance departments/agencies: Mental Illness, Domestic Violence, HIV/AIDS, Emancipated Youth in Dependency and Delinquency Systems, Teen Mothers, Frail Elderly, and Developmentally Disabled. (Homeless or substance abuse populations are not considered separate populations, but rather members of the special needs target population with specific characteristics. They may be identified as subpopulations if so reported by member departments/agencies.)
- B. **Identify, by Department** crossover and unique service needs among identified population(s), including subpopulation categories used by some departments.
- C. **Identify current shelter options** by geographic area and housing type for the following categories:
 1. *Temporary Housing* (hotel vouchers, housing reimbursements, Section 8--no more than 30 days)
 2. *Emergency Shelters* (over 30 days, less than six months)
 3. *Transitional Housing* (six months to two years, with services)
 4. *Permanent Housing* (on-site managed service-enhanced independent living)
 5. *Scattered-Site Housing* (offsite linked services, possible Section 8)
- D. **Identify housing supply.** Compare and contrast geographic area and housing type availability against the needs of the populations identified.

II. QUANTIFYING HOUSING DEMAND

By June 30, 2003, compare and contrast geographic area and housing type availability against the demand of the populations identified. Demand may reflect transitioning or recidivistic populations, and controlled populations with security needs.

III. ENHANCING PLANNING AND COORDINATION

In progress. With the ultimate goal of collectively enhancing the County's supply of service-enriched special needs housing, the Alliance is piloting a set of Protocols designed to enhance the way that members plan, coordinate and pursue funding, development opportunities, and legislative/advocacy activities.

IV. FORMALIZING AND EXPANDING ALLIANCE PARTNERSHIPS

By March 30, 2003, complete the following:

- A. Develop and implement an operational agreement between Alliance member departments/agencies.
- B. Identify and include community stakeholders as members of the Alliance, define their roles/responsibilities, and develop letters of support to reinforcing the operational agreement.

V. DEVELOPING A COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

By December 31, 2003, complete the following:

Present to the New Directions Task Force a Countywide Special Needs Housing Strategic Plan, including: process enhancements and policy, funding and legislative recommendations for securing additional service-enriched special needs housing.

- Coordinate with existing Countywide electronic information sharing and client tracking efforts (e.g., Service Integration Action Plan tools and initiatives) to enhance the quality of data pertaining to the supply of and demand for service-enriched special needs housing.